

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, the specification has been amended to incorporate the priority information and the title headings. The title has been amended to conform to the English language translation. The Abstract has been added to conform the application to the corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/CH2003/000727. Claims 1-7 have been amended to conform with conventional U.S. format. No new matter has been introduced by these changes.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the specification, the Abstract, and the claims as amended.

Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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